

Clinical Investigator Development Program

Application Deadline: October 15, 2012

Program Starts: July 1, 2013

The Center for Cancer Research (CCR), part of the National Cancer Institute, is pleased to announce our annual call for applications for an exciting training opportunity intended for physicians interested in dedicating their careers to clinical research. Come join a vibrant, multidisciplinary research community where hallmarks are commitment to flexible funding necessary to support innovative, high-impact bench-to-bedside research, access to the largest publically funded research center in the world, with available research beds, extensive shared research resources, and access to a broad range of scientific and clinical expertise. The *Clinical Investigator Development Program* is intended to assist board-eligible/board-certified translational researchers to transition from a mentored position to independent investigator in either laboratory-based or patient-oriented research so that they will be highly competitive for tenure-track appointments in academia or comparable positions in government and industry. Potential areas of interest include medical oncology, pediatric hematology-oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, pathology, neuro-oncology, urology and dermatology. Program objectives are to: develop competence and skills in study design, protocol development and patient-oriented research; acquire knowledge related to the ethical and regulatory issues of conducting clinical research involving human subjects; gain direct experience with and develop strategies for the collection and management of research data; and learn about function, development, organization and leadership of a multidisciplinary research team.

Who We Are

The CCR is nationally recognized as a premier training ground for clinical research, which is conducted in the state-of-the-art Clinical Research Center in Bethesda. Successful applicants will join a cadre of 250 talented scientists conducting cutting-edge research on the campuses of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda and Frederick, Maryland.

About the Program

Selectees will be appointed as “Assistant Clinical Investigators” for a three-year period at a competitive salary commensurate with subspecialty training and experience and will be assigned dedicated laboratory space, if needed, and an independent budget; travel and training funds; and access to an extensive infrastructure including research nursing, data-management support, animal facilities, core services and advanced technologies such as imaging/microscopy, protein chemistry and purification, mass spectrometry, flow cytometry, genomics and transgenics and knockout mice. An attractive federal government employee benefit package includes health and life insurance coverage, a retirement savings program and relocation expenses. Student loan repayment is possible through the NIH. Program participants must successfully complete the courses *Principles and Practice of Clinical Research*, *Clinical Pharmacology*, and *Ethical and Regulatory Aspects of Clinical Research*; develop a research proposal within the first six months in collaboration with a mentor; and apply for an NIH Career Development Award (K mechanism) by the end of the second year. There will be an annual review of each participant’s research program.

Eligibility

Candidates may be U.S. citizens, permanent residents or possess (or eligible for) the appropriate work visa, and must have completed subspecialty training at a U.S.-accredited institution in appropriate fields.

How to Apply

Applicants must submit a current *curriculum vitae*, complete bibliography, three letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, U.S. citizen/permanent residency documentation or documentation of visa eligibility, evidence of board certification or board eligibility and a one-page description of research interests and goals and how these relate to the chosen field. Apply online at <http://irp-positions.nih.gov/apply/>. Applications must be submitted on or before 11:59 p.m. EST, October 15, 2012. Paper applications will not be accepted. Questions may be directed to Ms. Romi Sawhney at sawhney@mail.nih.gov.